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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated April 4, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been cancelled, and newly presented claim 5 highlights the features distinguishing the present invention from the cited references.

Accordingly the amendments do not add new matter.

Claims – 35USC§103

Claims 1 to 4 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 6,120,132 to Coiner et al in light of US 6,310,639 to Kawamura et al. The Applicant submits that the amended claims and in particular new claim 5, patentably distinguishes the present invention from the prior art.

Amended claim 5 clarifies that the cartridge of the present invention allows a full color printhead to have different colored inks selectively refilled via a single refill port. Having a single refill port with different inlets for each type of ink simplifies the refilling procedure for users. The refill devices for each type of ink engages with one refill port instead of separate refill ports. The refill device has an outlet that corresponds to the inlet for the correct storage reservoir. This minimizes the risk of color cross contamination from incorrect placement of the refill onto the cartridge.

The Coiner cartridge has a single ink storage reservoir. Accordingly, there is a single ink inlet at the refill valve. There is no recognition of the storage and refill issues addressed by the present invention. Likewise Kawamura does not teach or suggest a cartridge with the combination of elements defined by new claim 5. Accordingly, Coiner and Kawamura do not disclose all the features of the invention and therefore do not support a §103 rejection.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection has been successfully traversed.
Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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